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Yuille Cairn on original site  
c.1980 (Source: The Golden Chain, 1980)

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## Location

37 VICKERS STREET, SEBASTOPOL - PROPERTY NUMBER 2032788, BALLARAT CITY

## Municipality

BALLARAT CITY

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO143

## Heritage Listing

Ballarat City

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## Statement of Significance

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### What is significant?

The Yuille Cairn in the Yuille Station Park, 37 Vickers Street, Sebastopol, has significance as an important historical marker to Ballarat as a legacy of the earliest Europeans, W.C. and A.B. Yuille, who settled in the locality in 1838. The Yuille Cairn consists of a tapered, random stone monument with a metal plaque on one side.

### How is it significant?

The Yuille Cairn in the Yuille Station Park, 38 Vickers Street, Sebastopol, is historically and socially significant at a LOCAL level.

### **Why is it significant?**

The Yuille Cairn in the Yuille Station Park, 38 Vickers Street, Sebastopol, has historical significance for its associations with the first settlement by Europeans in the Ballarat area by William Cross and Archibald Buchanan Yuille in 1838 (Criteria A & H). While the plaque on the cairn has no mention of A.B. Yuille, the monument is indelibly linked to him. A.B. Yuille's cousin, W.C. Yuille, had first camped on the banks of Lake Wendouree in February 1838 and from March 1838 the cousins had taken up the Ballarat Run of 10,000 acres. The main home station was situated near the Yarrowee River in the vicinity of 28-32 Bala Street. W.C. Yuille relinquished his rights to the Ballarat Run in 1840, with A.B. Yuille staying on and further improving the sheep station. Frustrated by the influx of gold seekers, he gave up his rights to the Ballarat Run to Archibald McLachlan in 1852. The Yuille Cairn at Sebastopol is one of two commemorative cairns in Ballarat associated with William Cross Yuille. The other is a granite monument near the corner of Wendouree Parade and Pleasant Street, Wendouree (marking W.C. Yuille's first camp site), unveiled in 1934. The Yuille cairn at Sebastopol is a tangible and physical legacy of A.B. Yuille's main home station, given that the stone used in its construction came from the foundations of his former dwelling that had been built in c.1847 by a Mr Murfett and his son, residents of Ballarat West. The Yuille cairn was first erected on the original home station site at 28-32 Bala Street in 1964. It was relocated to the existing site in 1996 as part of the newly-created Yuille Station Park.

The Yuille Cairn in the Yuille Station Park, 38 Vickers Street, Sebastopol, has social significance (Criterion G) as it is valued by sections of the Ballarat and Sebastopol communities as a symbolic historical marker identifying the original settlement of Ballarat by W.C. and A.B. Yuille in 1838 and particularly their original home station.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Ballarat - Ballarat Heritage Precincts Study, Dr David Rowe and Wendy Jacobs, 2006; City of Ballarat Heritage Assessments. Sebastopol, David Rowe, Authentic Heritage Services Pty Ltd and Wendy Jacobs, 2016;
Construction dates	1964,
Other Names	Yuille Station Park, Yuille Wetlands,
Hermes Number	178151
Property Number	

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